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FOR SECRETARY OF TREASURY SHULTZ

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SUBJECT: SECRETARY SHULTZ' IDB VISIT

REF: A. STATE 48012; B. BITTNER-FINKEL TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

MAR. 11, 1974; C. CARACAS 2057

1. AS PER TREASURY REQUEST THERE FOLLOWS AP ARTICLE DATELINE
WASHINGTON WHICH APPEARED IN LOCAL PRESS MARCH 8 AND 9, CONCERNING
PURPOSE SECRETARY SHULTZ' VISIT:

(QUOTE) TREASURY HEAD WILL VISIT VENEZUELA - PRESIDENT NIXON IS
READY TO SEND ONE OF HIS MOST IMPORTANT ADVISERS TO ANALYZE THE
PETROLEUM SITUATION WITH THE NEW VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT. IT WAS
REPORTED THAT THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, GEORGE P. SHULTZ,
THE LAST SURVIVOR OF THE ORIGINAL NIXON CABINET, WILL LEAD THE
MISSION. SHULTZ WILL GO TO CARACAS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE
INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ WITH THE OBJECT
OF DETERMINING THE THINKING OF THE NEW VENEZUELAN LEADERS ON
SUBJECTS OF COMMON INTEREST. 'THE MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IN
THE COURSE OF THIS MONTH,' SAID THE SOURCES. (END QUOTE)

2. AS PER REFERENCED TELECON, EMBASSY SEEKING TO ARRANGE
APPOINTMENTS WITH NEW ADMINISTRATION IN LINE WITH REQUEST OUT-
LINED REFTTEL. ON MARCH 28, AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
VENEZUELA, WILL BE ADDRESSED BY NEW HEAD OF CORDIPLAN,
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GUMERSINDO RODRIGUEZ. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT MANY ACADEMIC AND

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS LEADERS WILL PROBABLY BE ATTENDING GUMER-SINDO'S FIRST OFFICIAL SPEECH, EMBASSY SUGGESTS POSSIBILITY OF SECRETARY SHULTZ AND DELEGATION ATTENDING THIS LUNCHEON RATHER THAN CENTRAL BANK LUNCHEON SUGGESTED REFTEL. EMBASSY WILL AWAIT GUIDANCE FROM TREASURY BEFORE PURSUING POSSIBILITY OF CENTRAL BANK LUNCHEON.

3. AS PER REF TELECON EMBASSY HAS MADE RESERVATIONS FOR GROUP AT HOTEL MACUTO SHERATON MARCH 27-29, AND IS SEEKING TO OBTAIN RESERVATION FOR CONTROL SUITE AT CARACAS HILTON FOR MARCH 28.

4. IN ADDITION TO APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING SPECIFICALLY WITH WHICH VENEZUELAN OFFICIALS APPOINTMENTS SHOULD BE MADE FOR SECRETARY SHULTZ.
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